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Hello:

I'd just like to comment on the Microsoft Settlement. I believe that Microsoft should not get away with giving any sort of software or hardware directly to the schools. This will, as we already know, illegally encroach on Apple's leading position in the education computer market. In addition, even if Microsoft only offered software compatible with Mac and Windows, they would still be neglecting the market for Linux software (which they do not manufacture software for). Even though Linux is not a hugely popular OS, it is becoming increasingly used in schools as training for systems administration. I think the best way to settle this would be for Microsoft to give cold, hard cash to the school and let the schools themselves decide what to buy, instead of being obviously coerced by Microsoft to use their products instead of the competition's. Thank you for listening to me.

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